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SUBJECT: IRAN AND OMAN DEMARCATe CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY

REF: TEHRAN 2011, 4222

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF IRAN AND OMAN SIGNED ON JULY 25
IN TEHRAN AN AGREEMENT DEMARCATING THEIR CONTINENTAL SHELF
BOUNDARY AND THE MEDIAN LINE IN THE STRAITS OF HORMUZ. AS
NOTED IN REFTELS, THE BASIC ISSUES HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED DURING
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THE FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 2 VISIT TO TEHRAN OF SULTAN QABUS.

ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF OF MFA'S 9TH POLITICAL DIVISION (PERSIAN GULF AND OIL, HASSAN IZADI, THE SHAH HAD BROKEN AN IMPASSE BY AGREEING TO QABUS' REQUEST THAT THE QUOIN ISLANDS BE USED AS REFERENCE POINTS FOR BASELINES ON THE OMANI SIDE OF THE GULF, EVEN THOUGH NIOC EXPERTS CONSIDERED THE TINY UNINHABITED ISLANDS NOT SUBSTANTIAL ENOUGH TO WARRANT SUCH TREATMENT.

2. THE AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDES FOR COOPERATION TO EXPLOIT SEABED RESOURCES AND TO PREVENT ILLEGAL EXPLOITATION OF SEAFOOD, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO DETAILED CONVERSATIONS ON SUCH MATTERS. IZADI TOLD EMBOFFS JULY 28 THAT CHARLES BLACK AND OMANI OFFICIALS WOULD PROBABLY BE COMING TO TEHRAN TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS, BUT DID NOT SAY WHEN THIS MIGHT BE. HE SAID GOI WAS RELUCTANT TO HAVE BLACK ALONE REPRESENT OMAN, A VIEW WHICH THE EMBASSY HEARD LAST MONTH (TEHRAN 4949, NOTAL).
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